

Email to: Colin Hesse
From: Senator Jordan-Steele-John
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Subject: B-52s in Australia

Dear Colin

Thank you for your email and thank you for your understanding it has taken me a while to get back to you.

I deeply appreciate your advocacy to the prime minister regarding the plans to deploy nuclear capable B-52 bombers to Australia.

The Greens see this as a dangerous escalation which makes Australia an even bigger part of the global nuclear weapons industry which is a threat to humanity's very existence. This move also raises military tensions in our region causing even more instability and escalation.

These nuclear capable bombers aren't here for Australia's national or strategic interests, they're here to deliver for the United States' strategic interests, and they are part of a plan to embed Australia in any future conflict with China.

The slight moderation in the language used by the Australian Government under the new Labor administration is welcome and international relations are definitely assisted by a change in diplomatic tone. However, the core fundamentals of escalating military conflict remains exactly the same as they were under Dutton and Morrison. We are still hosting nuclear bombers, building nuclear submarines and still reacting to America's military agenda.

We need to engage as friends and equals in our region, build relations with our nearest neighbours and work to de escalate military tensions. Hosting US nuclear armed bombers is the exact opposite of this.

Thank you again for your concern regarding this matter. It is so important for people such as yourself to speak up and demand that our government act in our national and global interest, after all, together we have a world to save.

Kind regards,

Senator Jordon Steele-John